

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It has been proposed that county highways and  
3 township roads should be able to withstand weights of up to  
4 80,000 pounds; and

5 WHEREAS, There are 16,500 miles of county highways and  
6 73,500 miles of township and road district roads in the State  
7 of Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, An 80,000 pound capacity is necessary only for  
9 that portion of the road actually utilized by vehicles of  
10 that weight, such as the 2-mile portion of a 5-mile county  
11 highway that lies between a farm or other business and the  
12 nearest 80,000 pound capacity highway; and

13 WHEREAS, The cost of improvements necessary to bring  
14 county highways and township roads to a capacity of 80,000  
15 pounds will vary from area to area as a result of factors  
16 including present road surface, soil type, and weather  
17 conditions; and

18 WHEREAS, A study is needed to determine the number of  
19 miles of county highways and township roads, including the  
20 bridges on those highways and roads, that actually need to  
21 withstand weights of up to 80,000 pounds, as well as the cost  
22 of the improvements necessary to achieve that capacity;  
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
25 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
26 we direct the Illinois Department of Transportation, in  
27 cooperation with county and township road commissioners, to  
28 conduct a study to determine the number of miles of county  
29 highways and township roads that need to withstand weights of  
30 80,000 pounds and the cost of the improvements necessary to  
31 achieve that capacity; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the study should focus on low-volume  
2 farm-to-market and rural business-access roads and should  
3 categorize those roads according to their volume of 80,000  
4 pound loads and other traffic on a daily, monthly, and  
5 seasonal basis; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Transportation report the  
7 Department's findings to the General Assembly by the first  
8 day of the fall 2001 veto session; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this Resolution be  
10 delivered to the Secretary of Transportation.